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FOREIGN OFFICE HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING FILL-IN ON ARREST OF NAUMANN.

SCHEEL, AND OTHERS IN BRITISH ZONE LAST NIGHT. SO FAR AS FOREIGN

OFFICE AWARE, CROUP DID NOT (RPT NOT) HAVE A NAME AND WAS SCARCELY EVEN.

AN ORGANIZATION. IT WAS NOT (RPT NOT) A POLITICAL PARTY AND WAS DIFFERENT.

FROM EITHER THE BRUDERSCHAFT OR REMERS PARTY. IT WAS RATHER A CONSPIRACE
OF A VERY SHALL NETWORK HEADED BY HAUMANN WHO WAS "THE SPIDER AT THE
CENTER OF THE WEB" AND WHO WAS APPOINTED IN HITLER'S TESTAMENT TO SUCCESSION OF THE SIZE OF THE GROUP IS UNCERTAIN; FOREIGN OFFICE REPUTABLE
GUESS PUTS IT AT "PERHAPS 20, ALTHOUGH IT COULD HAVE BEEN 200". ITS
PURPOSE WAS CLEARLY EVENTUALLY TO SEIZE POWER. ITS METHOD WAS TO PLANT
ITS PEOPLE IN OVERT ORGANIZATION AND POLITICAL PARTIES AND TO MAKE USE
OF LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE. BRITISH HAVE BEEN AWARE OF ITS ACTIVITIES FOR
"BEST PART OF 2 YEARS". GROUP HAS BEEN KEEPING IN THE BACKGROUND, TRYING
TO MAKE CONTACTS ALONG LIMES INDICATED, BUT DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS
THEY HAVE DIRECTED THEIR CONTACTS MUCH MORE TOWARDS RESPECTABLE POLITICAL
CAL PARTIES, PARTICULARLY THE RIGHT-WING OF THE FDP.

BRITISH HAVE SECURED MOST OF THEIR INFORMATION THROUGH INTERNAL CENSORSHIP, THAT IS TELEPHONE AND LETTER INTERCEPTS. THEREFORE SUCH INDICATIONS AS THEY HAVE ABOUT ACTIVITES OF THE GROUP ARE FAIRLY FIRM BUT NOT (RPT NOT) THE SORT OF THING WHICH LENDS ITSELF TO USE IN PROSECUTION. THEY ARE NOT (RPT NOT) EVEN SURE THAT THEY CAN PROSECUTE, AND THIS WAS ONE OF THE CHIEF REASONS FOR THEIR TAKING ACTION ON THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY UNDER ARTICLE 2 (E) OF THE OCCUPATION STATUTE MATHER THAN LEAVING IT TO THE GERMANS, SINCE THE GERMANS COULD ONLY HAVE BROUGH COURT ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT NOT (RPT NOT) HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. ANOTHER REASON FOR BRITISH ACTING ON THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY WAS THAT GROUP WAS "PRETTY MUCH ALL IN BRITISH ZONE". IN THIS CONNECTION FOREIGN OFFICE REPEATED THAT THEY KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT WHETHER GROUP WAS IN TOUCH

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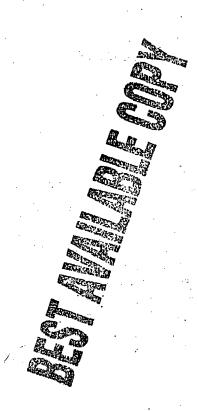
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DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY WITH EASTERN ZONE OR SOVIETS, BUT POSSIBILITY CLEARLY NOT EXCLUDED.

WHEN KIRKPATRICK SAW ADENAUER LAST EVENING TO INFORM HIM. IN ADVANCE OF INTENDED ACTION, ADENAUER TOOK NEWS CALMLY, SHOWED NO (RPT NO) SIGNS OF PIQUE, STATED THAT HE WAS AGREED WITH WHAT BRITISH PROPOSED TO DO, AND IN EFFECT MISHED THEM LUCK. FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT BRITISH HAD ACTUALLY ALLOWED THEMSELVES SUFFICIENT TIME LEEWAY TO CALL OFF ENTIRE OPERATION IF ADENAUER HAD RAISED A SERIOUS ROW. A THIRD REASON FOR BRITISH TAKING ACTION ON THEIR CON RESPONSIBILITY WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WAS TO AVOID EMBARRASSING ADENAUER BY IN ANY WAY IMPLICATING HIM.

NEXT FOLLOWING TELEGRAM REPORTS GUIDANCE BRITISH GIVING THEIR PRESS.

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